



- CITY OF BIGGS -  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT**

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DATE: October 17, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Friend, AICP City Planner

SUBJECT: Request for Supplemental Funding – Sixth Street Bridge Replacement NEPA Compliance Effort

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**Request Summary:**

The Planning Department and PMC are requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to amend the existing contract between PMC and the City of Biggs in the amount of \$7,995 to provide additional funding to support the preparation of a Historical Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) as required by Caltrans for the project.

**Request Details:**

PMC, working with Bennett Engineering, has been working to complete the environmental review and compliance work pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as required by Caltrans for the Sixth Street Bridge Replacement project. At this time, PMC has completed and submitted to Caltrans for formal review, the following studies:

- Wetlands Delineation (WD) report;
- Biological Assessment (BA) report;
- Natural Environment Study (NES) report;
- Historic Preservation Study Report (HPSR); and,
- Archeological Study Report (ASR).

Following the submittal of the above noted technical reports in support of the City's NEPA compliance effort, Caltrans review staff has identified that one additional technical study that will be required for this effort. Caltrans cultural resource review staff has required that the City prepare a Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) to evaluate potential historic values associated with Hamilton Slough in the vicinity of the bridge project.

PMC has received a cost estimate from Pacific Legacy, Inc., PMC's project sub-consultant for cultural and historic resource issues, for this work. The cost estimate from Pacific Legacy for this effort is \$5,820.39. In addition to the costs associated with the preparation of the formal report, an additional \$2,175.00 dollars is being requested to account for time associated with the submittal, consultation and project management activities for this effort.

City staff has discussed Caltrans' request for the additional study along with the status of the previously submitted reports with the Caltrans project manager and Caltrans staff does not believe that any additional studies or reports will be required following the completion of this effort. It is noted herein that additional funds will be necessary following the completion of the NEPA process, and prior to the commencement of actual construction activity, to cover costs associated with biological permitting and mitigation. These costs are estimated at this time to be in the range of approximately \$18,000 - \$22,000 with final cost totals not being known until the project is approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Agency and California Department of Fish and Game. Staff is providing this information at this time for information purposes only and will provide additional information to the Council as it becomes available.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Consistent with the work that has been previously completed for this effort, the City of Biggs will be reimbursed by Caltrans for the costs associated with the preparation of this report. However, reimbursement funds will not be advanced to the City prior to the preparation of the report but will be transferred to the City following the approval of project funding by Caltrans. At this time, Mr. Leo Rubio with Bennett Engineering believes that the City will be included in the Fall 2012 project funding cycle. As such, the City will be required to expend funds for this effort in advance of reimbursement by Caltrans for the work. PMC has been in close communication with Mr. Rubio on this matter and Mr. Rubio has submitted a formal request to Caltrans to amend the project budget to include funding for this effort to ensure eligibility for reimbursement project upon the approval for project funding by the State.

**Request:**

PMC, acting as City Staff and as the City's NEPA compliance project manager for this effort, requests that the City Council authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract between PMC and the City of Biggs in the amount of \$7,995 to provide additional funding to support the preparation of a Historical Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) as required by Caltrans for the project.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Scope of Work and Budget from Pacific Legacy, Inc. for the preparation of an HRER



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October 5, 2011

Scott Friend,  
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Re: Sixth Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit/Replacement Project Additional Services: Historical Resources Evaluation Report, City of Biggs

Dear Scott:

Pacific Legacy, Inc. is pleased to present our proposal to prepare an Historical Resources Evaluation Report for the Sixth Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit/Replacement Project in the City of Biggs.

Preparation of the HRER will include a site visit to record and photograph the built environment within the Project APE. The site visit will focus on documenting the Hamilton Slough (within and adjacent to the Project APE), including identifying construction techniques and integrity. Research will include gathering existing documentation of the Hamilton Slough. Research will also focus on identifying National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible or potentially NRHP-eligible water conveyance systems to which the Hamilton Slough may be a contributor. Background research will start with reviewing the JRP & Caltrans (2000) *Water Conveyance Systems in California* context and documents on the history of Butte County in our office. Local repositories in Butte County will also be consulted, including any relevant documents on file with Reclamation District 833, local and county historical societies, and city and county departments. We will also review historical newspapers, historical maps, aerials and photographs as relevant. This research will be used to develop a historic context for evaluating the Hamilton Slough. Preparation of the HRER will include a National Register/California Register eligibility review and finding of effects statement discussing potential impacts the proposed undertaking may have on historic properties as necessary. We have budgeted for recording and evaluation of one resource.

#### **Schedule**

After receiving a Signed Contract/Notice to Proceed we will:

- Start historical research within one week.
- Complete a draft of all reports (HPSR, ASR, HRER) within one month.

Our cost estimate for the work is attached to this proposal. Should you need further information, please contact me at 510.524-3991, ex. 111.

Sincerely,

Allison Vanderslice  
Supervisor/Architectural Historian

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# Sixth Street Bridge HRER

## Pacific Legacy -

**Proposal Number: 2479.02**

Project Name: Sixth Street Bridge HRER

Project Manager/PI: Rob Jackson

Date: 10/06/2011

Client: PMC

Task		HRER	Caltrans Review	Hours	Cost
Principal (Jackson)	\$ 169.40	1	1	2	\$ 338.80
Architectural Historian (Vanderslice)	\$ 84.00	36	4	40	\$ 3,360.00
Arch Tech	\$ 52.00	10	4	14	\$ 728.00
Graphics	\$ 72.80	8	4	12	\$ 873.60
Contract Manager	\$ 93.70	1	1	2	\$ 187.40
<b>Labor</b>					<b>\$ 5,487.80</b>
Copying	\$ 0.15	50		50	\$ 7.50
Misc Report Production	\$ 25.00	1		1	\$ 25.00
Mileage	\$ 0.555	270		270	\$ 149.85
Car Rental	\$ 55.00			0	\$ -
Gas	\$ 35.00			0	\$ -
Per Diem	\$ 35.00	1		1	\$ 35.00
Lodging	\$ 85.00	1		1	\$ 85.00
Film/Film Developing	\$ 32.00			0	\$ -
Postage	\$ 13.85			0	\$ -
<b>ODC's</b>					<b>\$302.35</b>
<b>Fee on ODC 10%</b>					<b>\$30.24</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>					<b><u>\$ 5,820.39</u></b>

Prices Good for 90 days

## Assumptions:

- 1 No additional architectural resources beyond the slough will require recording and evaluation.
- 2 Will prepare all necessary DPR forms for one historical resource.